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Bulgarian Army, in preparation for which a law permitting Soviets stationed in Bulgaria to assume Bulgarian citizenship whenever they so desire has been enacted. According to other reports, Soviet naval specialists have assumed control of all Bulgarian naval units and are working to strengthen them and to organize a Bulgarian fleet headquarters in Varna.(4)

The Turkish News Agency reported from Belgrade on 17 April that Bulgarian Minister of War General Panchevski had been relieved but had not yet been replaced, and that the Minister of Social Aid, no longer having the government's confidence, had been transferred to the post of Bulgarian Minister to Bucharest. (1) Ankara political circles on 22 May reported rumors that Chobanov, Bulgarian Minister to Ankara, was scheduled to be recalled for having failed to apply successfully a directive which ordered him to disrupt the resettlement of refugees in Turkey. At the same time, these circles also reported that frequent meetings of Satellite diplomats have occurred recently in Ankara, all of them at the Bulgarian Legation.(5)

It was reported from Edirne on 18 May that immigrants newly arrived there from Bulgaria report that new oppressive measures have been instituted against the Turkish minority; for example, to obtain a passport the applicant must first pay 2,500 leva to the "Office for Aid to Korean Communists" and 1,500 leva to an office known as "Rusti Pamentlik." The immigrants also reported that all Bulgarians are being forced to contribute money and goods to an office called "Pomoshtza Korea," as aid to the Korean Communists.(6)

Other newly arrived immigrants have reported that Fahri Erdinc, Tugrul Deliorman, and Ziya Yamac, who fled to Bulgaria from Turkey 2 years ago, were originally assigned the task of spreading anti-Turkish propaganda among persons about to emigrate to Turkey. According to these refugees, Deliorman has now been convicted and sent to work in a Bulgarian mine for having told some emigrants, "Do not be deceived by my words. I strongly desire to return to Turkey." The others have also been relieved of their assignments.(7)

Yugoslavia

According to a 4 April dispatch sent from Belgrade by Vatan's special correspondent Sinan Korle, Belgrade circles believe that a war may break out in the coming months, and in preparation therefor the upper floors of houses in Belgrade and vicinity are being evacuated and the roofs reinforced with sandbags. The authorities, fearing the possibility of a sudden air invasion, are keeping close watch on areas suitable for such an action. Korle also stated that peasants and soldiers who have fled from Bulgaria to Yugoslavia report that three new Soviet divisions have arrived at the Yugoslav-Bulgarian border.(8)

Albania

According to a 22 May Turkish News Agency dispatch from Athens, a high-ranking Albanian officer, who escaped from Albania and surrendered to Greek border guards, reported that the flag of revolt had been unfurled in Albania and that Bairaktakis, formerly an officer under King Zog, had assumed command of the rebels. The officer also reported that military activity had increased in Albania and that forcibly inducted soldiers had been sent to the Greek and Yugoslav borders.(5)

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